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Get Started

As a Veteran, you may be eligible for educational benefits through numerous GI Bill programs. Once you've decided to use your [GI Bill benefits](#) it's important to choose the proper school and type of training. VA's decision-making tools will help you get the most from your benefits.

Explore your options at the following pages:

- [Assess your aptitudes and interests with CareerScope®](#)
- [Compare VA education benefits and review payment rates](#)
- [Choose a school or education program and estimate your benefit amount](#)
- [Learn how other Veterans benefited from VA education benefits](#)

Once you're ready, [apply for benefits](#) online.

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School Decision Resources

Many VA and other government resources exist to help you choose a school and education program. Visit these VA and non-VA sites for guidance:

- Use the [GI Bill Comparison Tool](#) to help you find a school and determine your GI Bill benefits while attending it.
- Get the [guide to choosing a school](#)
- Learn about the President's [Principles of Excellence program](#) and which schools participate.
- Review the following additional VA and non-VA sources that may help with your education decisions:
 - [GI Bill Comparison Chart](#)
 - [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Paying for College](#)
 - [College Affordability and Transparency Center](#)
 - [About Attending Foreign Schools](#)
 - [Choosing A College - 8 Questions to Ask](#) - From the Federal Trade Commission
 - [Choosing A Vocational School](#) - From the Federal Trade Commission



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Comparison Chart/Payment Rates

You may be eligible for several types of VA education and training benefits, but there are many things to consider before you apply for a GI Bill program. For most participants, the Post-9/11 GI Bill is the best option. Other students would benefit more from the Montgomery GI Bill. The following comparison tools may make it easier to decide which education and training benefits are best for you:

- [Compare VA education benefit programs](#)
- [Review current payment rates](#) for the following VA education and training programs:
 - [Maximum Tuition Reimbursement Rates for the Post-9/11 GI Bill \(Chapter 33\)](#)
 - [Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty \(MGIB-AD/Chapter 30\)](#)
 - [Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve \(MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606\)](#)
 - [Reserve Educational Assistance Program \(REAP/Chapter 1607\)](#)
 - [Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program \(DEA/Chapter 35\)](#)

A Decision with Consequences

Your decision to apply for a certain education benefit could impact your eligibility for other benefits. Here are a few factors to keep in mind:

- If you're eligible for more than one education benefit, such as the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill, you must choose which benefit to receive, **a decision that's final and cannot be changed.**
- If you're eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and two or more additional education benefits, you must give up one of the additional education benefits. However, you may remain eligible for the benefit or benefits you did not give up.

Comparison of VA Education Benefits

	Post-9/11 GI Bill	MGIB-AD	MGIB-SR	REAP	VEAP	DEA
Minimum Length of Service	90 days active aggregate service (after 9/10/01) or 30 days continuous if discharged for disability	2 yr. continuous enlistment (minimum duty varies by service date, branch, etc.)	6 yr. commitment (after 6/30/85)	90 days active continuous service (after 9/10/01)	181 continuous days active service (between 12/31/76 and 7/1/85) ¹	Not applicable
Maximum # of Months of Benefits ²	36	36	36	36	36	45
How Payments Are Made	Tuition: Paid to school Housing stipend: Paid monthly to student Books & Supplies: Paid to student at the beginning of the term	Paid to student	Paid to student	Paid to student	Paid to student	Paid to student
Duration of Benefits	Generally 15 years from last day of active duty	Generally 10 years from last day of active duty	Ends the day you leave Selected Reserve	Generally 10 years from the day you leave the Selected	10 yrs from last day of active duty	Spouse: 10 - 20 years ³ Child: Ages 18-26
Degree Training	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non College Degree Training	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
On-the-Job & Apprenticeship Training	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

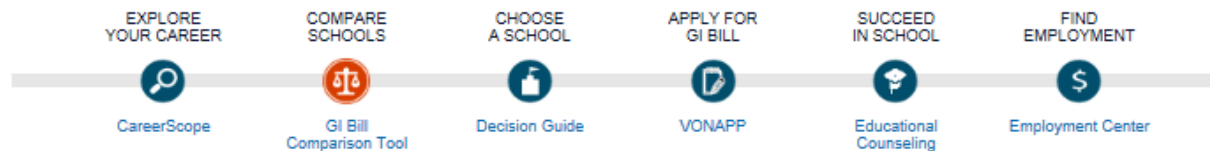
Chapter 33 Service Tier % Chart

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
At least 30 months < 36 months	90%
At least 24 months < 30 months	80%
At least 18 months < 24 months	70%
At least 12 months < 18 months	60%
At least 6 months < 12 months	50%
At least 90 days < 6 months	40%

Comparison Tool on the GI Bill Website

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Choosing a School



GI Bill® Comparison Tool

Calculate your benefits and research approved programs.

Eligibility

Cumulative Post 9-11 Active Duty Service: ⓘ

36+ months: 100% (includes BASIC) ▼

Military Status: ⓘ

Veteran ▼

School / Employer Information

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY (NASHVILLE, TN) ⓘ

Taking all online classes?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Benefit Estimator

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE, TN



Private School

Tuition / Fees:

\$20,235 / year (up to)

Housing Allowance:

\$1,644 / month (full time)

Book Stipend:

\$1,000 / year

How much am I going to get?

Comparison Tool on the GI Bill Website Vanderbilt University continued

Veteran Indicators

[Source](#)

<u>GI Bill Beneficiaries:</u>	108
<u>Student Veterans Group:</u>	No
<u>Yellow Ribbon:</u> 🏅	Yes See YR rates »
<u>Principles of Excellence:</u>	No



School Indicators, Non-Veteran Specific

[Source](#)

Graduation Rates ⓘ

Percent of full-time students that graduated within 150% of the expected time for completion. Graduation rate data are based on undergraduate students who enrolled full-time and have never enrolled in college before. This may not represent all undergraduates that attend this institution.



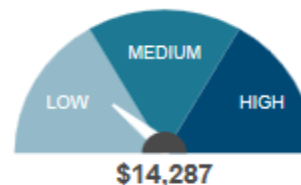
Loan Default Rates ⓘ

Percent of student borrowers that failed to repay their Federal student loans within three years of entering repayment.



Median Borrowing ⓘ

Families who borrow typically take out this amount in Federal loans for a student's undergraduate study. Your borrowing may be different. [Learn about repayment options »](#)



[More information about your school »](#)

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Principles of Excellence

Educational institutions participating in the Principles of Excellence program agree to the following guidelines:

- Provide students with a personalized form covering the total cost of an education program.
- Provide educational plans for all military and Veteran education beneficiaries.
- End fraudulent and aggressive recruiting techniques and misrepresentations.
- Accommodate Servicemembers and Reservists absent due to service requirements.
- Designate a point of contact to provide academic and financial advice.
- Ensure accreditation of all new programs prior to enrolling students.
- Align institutional refund policies with those under Title IV, which governs the administration of federal student financial aid programs.

Foreign schools, high schools, on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs, residency and internship programs, and institutions that do not charge tuition and fees are not required to comply with the Principles of Excellence.

Please use our [GI Bill® Comparison tool](#) to see if the school you are interested in attending participates in the Principles of Excellence program.



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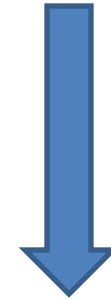
PRINCIPLES OF EXCELLENCE COMPLIANCE SURVEY REPORT ADDENDUM

PERFORMANCE INTERVIEW PLANNING CHECKLIST				
COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST ITEMS	YES	NO	NOT REQUIRED	COMMENTS
Did the school provide a "Financial Aid Shopping Sheet"?				_____
Did the school inform, and does it have policies to alert students to the availability of Federal financial aid prior to arranging other financing?				_____
Does the school use fraudulent and unduly aggressive recruiting?				_____
Has the school obtained the approval of its accrediting agency for new course offerings prior to enrolling students in such courses or programs where appropriate?				_____
Are service members and reservists readmitted to programs if they are temporarily unable to attend class or have to suspend their studies due to service requirements and accommodations made for short absences resulting from service obligations?				_____
Does the school have a refund policy that is aligned with the refund of unearned student aid rules applicable to Federal student aid provided through the Department of Education under Title IV?				_____
Does the school provide detailed educational plans outlining graduation requirements?				_____
Does the school have a point of contact for academic and financial advising to assist service member and veteran students and their families?				_____

Chapter 33 The New Post-9/11 GI Bill Status on eBenefits

View My Status

Examples of Status Queries



[Compensation & Pension Claims & Upload Supporting Documents](#)

View the status of your Compensation and Pension (C&P) claims and upload supporting documents to VA. Surviving spouses/parents can also view Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) claim status.



[VA Payment History](#)

Monitor your VA Compensation and Pension (C&P), Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) benefits payments. Surviving spouses/parents can also view VA payment history for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Chapter 35 claims.



[Check Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status](#)

View information about your Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits enrollment status and entitlement details. This feature is available to any spouses and to eligible dependents (ages 18 and over) with Premium (Level 2) DS Logon access.



Education Enrollment Status

Entitlement Information

Name:

~~Andrews, Martin, Mark~~

Date of Birth:

~~10/11/1988~~

VA File Number:

~~0000000000~~

Regional Processing Office: St. Louis, MO

Post-9/11 GI Bill Eligibility Date: 09/24/2002

(Benefits cannot be paid prior to this date)

Delimiting Date:

11/14/2020

(Benefits cannot be paid after this date)

Benefit Level:

100%

Original Entitlement:

8 months and 26 days

Used Entitlement:

7 months and 10 days

Remaining Entitlement:

1 month and 16 days

Enrollment History

This feature is not available if you are taking flight, on the job training, apprenticeship or correspondence training.

Enrollment Period: 08/25/2014 to 12/11/2014

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY - CLARKSVILLE (Facility Code: 11880042)

Residence Hours	Distance Hours	Type of Change	Change Effective Date
0.0	15.0		

Enrollment Period: 01/16/2014 to 05/08/2014

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY - CLARKSVILLE (Facility Code: 11880042)

Residence Hours	Distance Hours	Type of Change	Change Effective Date
12.0	6.0		
12.0	6.0	UNCHANGED	05/08/2014

Students Points of Contact

- Certifying Official at student's school
- Education Service Officer at their military unit
- VA website www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- GI Bill benefits inquiry system
<https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/ask/>
- GI Bill benefits toll-free telephone number 888-442-4551